(b) if so the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have made any inquiry into the laxity in allowing the invalid PIC holders access to the sensitive areas; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Career Profile for Armed Forces

*78. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken series of measures in the recent past to train and orient youngsters for a career in the armed forces right from school stage;

(b) if so, the details of the fresh initiatives formulated/ strategies and schemes worked out to attract best of talent for defence assignments;

(c) the details of provision of funds made to modernise/upgrade the training set up, Institutional network and course matrix during the current year; and

(d) the present status of on-going upgradation of Training Institutes in Maharashtra and funds allocated for the current year, project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV) : (a) to (d) 18 Sainik Schools, 5 Military Schools and Rashtriya Indian Military College (RIMC) have been in existence to prepare boys academically, physically and mentally for entry into the National Defence Academy and thus make a career in the Armed Forces. The performance of these institutions is reviewed periodically. It has recently been decided to launch an Image Projection campaign to enhance the awareness amongst the youth about a fulfilling career in the Army and thus attract them.

Modernisation/upgradation of training set-up by way of introduction of advanced training aids including simulators and computers, has been taken up. The annual training grants for 1997-98 in respect of the Army, the Navy and the Air Force are Rs. 9.82 crores, 0.55 crores and 2.55 crores respectively.

A project for modernisation of laboratories of the College of Military Engineering of the Army located at Pune at a total cost of Rs. 3.36 crores has been sanctioned in March, 1996. The project is to be completed in two years.

[Translation]

Oil Refineries

*79. SHRI N.J. RATHWA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of oil in cubic refined by different refineries of various oil companies particularly by oil refineries situated in Gujarat during the last three years till date, refinery-wise;

(b) the capacity utilization of each oil refinery and whether this utilization has been in consonance with their capacity, company-wise;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure the maximum capacity utilization of these oil companies and oil refineries?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) to (e) The Company/Refinery-wise details regarding installed capacity, actual throughput and capacity utilization is given in the Statement enclosed.

The overall capacity utilisation of all the refineries during the last three years *viz.* 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 have been 105.7%, 104.2% and 104.1% respectively. However, the capacity utilisation has been lower in a few refineries as indicated below :—

	Refineries	Period	Reasons
(a)	Barauni/Guwahati/BRPL	All the three years	Lower crude availability from Assam Oilfields
(b)	Digboi	1996-97	Stabilisation during first year of new unit commissioning.
	CRL	1995-96/96-97	
(c)	MRL-Narimanam	All three years	Lower crude production from Narimanam Oil-fields.
(d)	HPCL-Mumbai	1994-95	Major turn-around shut-down of the Refineries.
(e)	MRL-Chennai	1995-96	Fire incidence in main unit.